

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for recording a the boiling curve of a liquid ~~liquids, in particular petroleum products and/or solvents, comprising evaporating and subsequently condensing into a condensate collection chamber in which~~ a sample amount of the liquid, so to obtain a condensed liquid and a distillation residue ~~to be analyzed is evaporated and subsequently condensed, and monitoring wherein a~~ the vapor temperature and the respectively evaporated sample amount of the liquid which has evaporated ~~are monitored, wherein the sample amount of the liquid is dosed by a filling means, particularly a pump, that the~~ which filling means and condensate collection chamber are brought to a defined~~[[,]]-and preferably identical[[,[[~~ temperature level, and ~~that a~~ determining the condensed volume of the condensed liquid is determined volumetrically in a manner known per se and a the weight of the distillation residue, wherein the filing means is a pump and the sample amount of the liquid is pumped into a sample dish which is moved by the aid of a lifting drive into a gas-tight connection with a distillation apparatus and pressed at the distillation apparatus, thereby recording the boiling curve of the liquid ~~of the sample amount is determined by weighing.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A method according to claim 1~~ A method for recording the boiling curve of a liquid comprising evaporating and subsequently condensing into a condensate collection chamber a sample amount of the liquid, so to obtain a condensed liquid and a distillation residue, and monitoring the vapor temperature and the sample amount of the liquid which has evaporated, wherein the sample

amount of the liquid is dosed by a filling means, which filling means and condensate collection chamber are brought to a defined temperature level, and determining the volume of the condensed liquid and the weight of the distillation residue, wherein the filling means for the dosing of the sample amount of the liquid, after the determining step completion of the measuring procedure via at least one valve is switched to remove the condensate by suction, thereby recording the boiling curve of the liquid.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the sample dish is discarded after one-time use.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the sample amount of the liquid is used in an amount of from 1 to 12 ml, ~~preferably about 6 ml,~~ that a distillation rate is ~~chosen~~ such that the time between the onset of boiling and the end of boiling is less than 15 minutes, and that the distillation residue determined by weighing is converted to volume.

6. (Withdrawn) A device for carrying out the method according to claim 1, wherein the filling means (1), particularly a pump, for filling in a sample amount is connected with a duct leading to a sample dish (7), that the sample dish (7) is connected with a distillation apparatus, particularly a condenser (15), that the filling means and the distillation apparatus, particularly the condenser (15), are made of well heat-conducting material, particularly metal, and that the filling means (1) and the condenser (15) are connected to a temperature controller.

7. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein the sample dish (7) is arranged on a movable support (8), which is connected with an adjustment drive (9), by which an edge of the sample dish (7) can be pressed at the an edge of the connection opening of a distillation column (10) that follows the sample dish (7).
8. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein the temperature controller is designed as an electric cooler and/or heater using, in particular, Peltier elements (5, 17).
9. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein the filling means (1) and the distillation apparatus are arranged in a common portable housing.
10. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein temperature sensors (6, 16) are provided in both the filling means (1) and the condenser (15).
11. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 7, wherein the adjustment drive (9) for the sample dish (7) is designed as a geared motor.
12. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 7, wherein the edge of the sample dish (7) and the edge of the connection opening of the distillation column (10) are designed to be conical, hollow-conical or ball-shaped, so as to ensure the gas-tight connection of the sample dish (7) with the distillation apparatus while applying the pressing pressure created by the adjustment drive (9).

13. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 7, wherein the distillation column (10) is surrounded by an insulation means (12).

14. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein the condenser (15) comprises an axial zone with reduced diameter of a material transparent to light and, in particular, infrared light, particularly glass, which is followed by a zone having a larger clear width adapted to receive an axially movable piston (22).

15. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein the axially movable piston (22) is connected with an adjustment drive, particularly a stepper motor or geared motor including a rotary encoder (23), which is actuatable as a function of the signals transmitted by an optical detector (21).

16. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 14, wherein an optical signal transmitter (20) is arranged in the region of the axial zone of light-transparent material and designed for the detection of the meniscus of the condensed liquid, and that the adjustment drive of the piston (22) is actuatable for the correction of the position of the meniscus.

17. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein the distillation apparatus is made of special steel, brass or titanium, and the sample dish (7) is made of metal, preferably aluminum or copper.

18. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein a pressure sensor, particularly a piezoresistive pressure sensor, is provided for the determination of the air pressure, and that the

distillation apparatus in the region of the condenser (15) is designed with an open connection to the atmosphere.

19. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein a weighing means designed for the weighing of the distillation residue of the sample amount is arranged within the housing.

20. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 6, wherein measuring values are fed via lines to a microprocessor designed for the evaluation and calculation of measuring results, and that a display or output means for the measuring results is provided.